Enquiries conducted by COSCA

. 4231. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Commissioner of Security Civil Aviation (COSCA) in the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has been authorised to conduct enquiries of other Government institutions and officers in addition to his present duties;

(b) if so, the details of enquiries being conducted by COSCA of officers other than working in BCAS;

(c) whether prior permission of the Ministry was obtained before accepting to act as Inquiry Officer of other Ministries/Institutions; and

(d) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken against COSCA?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAH NAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation) is not conducting inquiry of any other Government institution and officers.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Ground handling services at Delhi Airport

4232. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agencies which are authorised to handle the ground activities at Delhi Airport;

(b) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has carried out any survey in the recent past to find out the unauthorised agencies;

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the survey; and

(d) what is the strategy to check the entry of these unauthorised agencies?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Airports Authority of India, Air India, Indian Airlines and Cambata Aviation (P) Ltd. are authorised to do ground handling at Delhi Airport. Besides, various airlines are authorised to do ground handling of their own flights only under the provision of self handling.

(b) to (d) Some of the airlines are using the services of other personnel for handling their flights, who are required to meet the conditions laid down by the Airports Authority of India. Photo Identity Cards (PIC) are issued only with the approval of PIC Committee consisting of representatives of Airport Director, Airports Authority of India, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Airport Police Station Unit and Regional Director, Commissioner of Security, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on the recommendation to AAI and Airlines after due scrutiny.

Operational airports in A.P.

4233. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the airports/airstrip in Andhra Pradesh which are maintained by Airports Authority of India but are not operational at present;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to make them operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The airports at Cuddapah, Donakonda and Warrangal in the State of Andhra Pradesh are maintained by Airports Authority of India but are non-operational at present. These airports are non-operational mainly for non-availability of flights due to poor traffic.

Sales tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel

† 4234. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sales tax levied on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), State-wise;

(b) whether Government have requested the States to reduce the sales tax on ATF;

(c) if so, the number of States which have taken steps to reduce the sales tax; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to levy sales tax at uniform rate on ATF in all States and to reduce its rate?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.